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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: BOAT "CHAU-LONG"

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY ITALIAN EMBASSY JAKARTA THAT ON AUGUST 23 BOAT "CHAU-LONG" CARRYING 24 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES (7 MEN, 6 WOMEN, 9 CHILDREN, 2 BABIES) TIED UP TO AN AGIP (ITALIAN NATIONAL OIL COMPANY) DRILLING RIG IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA OFF THE COAST OF NATUNA ISLAND. THE RIG IS IN A DISPUTED AREA OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA CLAIMED BY INDONESIA BUT SHOWN AS INTERNATIONAL WATERS ON MOST MAPS.

2. THE REFUGEES ARE REPORTEDLY ALL FROM SAIGON AND AT LEAST ONE CLAIMS RELATIVES IN THE U.S. THEY ARE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE TO GET TO SINGAPORE OR ASYLUM IN INDONESIA. SINCE THEY SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THE U.S. EMBASSY BE NOTIFIED IT APPEARS THEIR ULTIMATE HOPE IS TO BE RESETTLED IN THE U.S.

THE ITALIAN EMBASSY HAS NOTIFIED GOI DEPT. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AGIP HAS NOTIFIED GOI THROUGH PERTAMINA. FOUR GOI OFFICIALS ARE TRAVELLING TO NATUNA TOMORROW TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION.

3. NO NAMES OR OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA KNOWN. WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE.

4. FOR KUALA LUMPUR: REQUEST YOU NOTIFY UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE SAMPAT KUMAR OF THIS CASE.

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